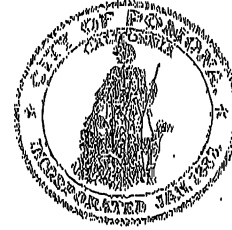


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January 9, 2004

Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102 - 3298**Via Federal Express
Priority Overnight Mail**

Re: Energy Efficiency Program Grant Funding

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

I am writing to request that funding granted for the Southern California Edison (SCE)/Pomona proposal in the Draft Decision issued on November 18, 2003 be maintained. In the final decision (Decision 03-12-060, issued December 18, 2003), this proposal was ordered to be re-evaluated for further consideration.

We respectfully request that funding in the amount of \$696,595 for this proposal be approved based on the following: the City of Pomona has never received any direct California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) funding in the past, has an over 60% Hispanic population, has been hit especially hard by the energy crisis and increasing energy rates, and has spent significant time and energy creating this partnership with SCE.

The Hispanic and small business communities have been hit especially hard by the economy, energy crisis and rising energy costs. Pomona has never received any direct funding from the CPUC in the past. The City is a very closely-knit community in which there are close partnerships that have been forged between the private and public sectors. Over 60% of the population has an annual household income lower than \$60,000. Given these circumstances, Pomona presents a unique opportunity for the CPUC to increase the reach and effectiveness of its energy efficiency funds.

The City of Pomona, in partnership with SCE, is requesting an amount of \$696,595 with the objective of kicking-off energy efficiency activities in the City. We believe our community has been affected disproportionately due to air conditioning costs during the electricity crisis of 2001 and by lingering high-energy costs. In addition, our City's businesses and residents have not been proportionately served by the State energy efficiency funds despite the rapid growth and peak load occurrences. While the cause of this is not clear, what is clear is that the need is great.


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Leveraging our unique relationships with local businesses and citizens, with active participation by City government and collaboration with our strategic partners, Pomona is attempting to take strides to establish an effective program serving local customers and the community.

During the application process, the CPUC gave clear encouragement to partnerships between local governments and utilities. Considerable time and energy have been spent to form this partnership between the City of Pomona and SCE to set up the basic infrastructure needed to deliver this program to our local businesses and community. We are committed and prepared to execute this program in a timely and efficient manner. Given the circumstances discussed above, we strongly request the CPUC fully fund the SCE/Pomona proposal.

Sincerely,


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Mayor

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